

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 377
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Virginia Faye Hochnedel for outstanding work in Agricultural Extension.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has deemed it appropriate to recognize those Tennesseans who, by their exemplary service to their communities and their outstanding leadership abilities, have gone far beyond the scope of their duties; and

WHEREAS, the exceptional skills and performance of Agricultural Extension Agent Faye Hochnedel have earned her the deep respect of her colleagues; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1967 and began her tenure of public service in the Virginia Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hochnedel then started her exemplary service as a 4-H and Home Economics Agent in Sevier County in November of 1969, where she has been a valuable team member on that staff for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Faye Hochnedel has used her skills to further the development of young people in Sevier County and across the state of Tennessee, by teaching valuable life skills such as public speaking and presentation skills, leadership and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, her service led her to be an advisor to the Tennessee 4-H All-Stars, where her love and charisma prompted that group to honorarily initiate her in 1992, only the second person to ever be deemed so worthy; and

WHEREAS, her professionalism has enabled her to be recognized by organizations of such professionals such as the Tennessee Association of Extension Home Economist, the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents, the Tennessee Association of Extension 4-H Workers and the honorary societies of Phi Delta Kappa and Epsilon Sigma Phi; and

WHEREAS, since 1974, Ms. Hochnedel has also found time to raise her son, Marcus, and is also seen as a mother figure and mentor by the hundreds of 4-Hers in Tennessee who have learned and grown to be responsible citizens of this state under her watchful eye; and

WHEREAS, her admirable work also led to direction and sponsorship to the performances of the 4-H Voices, a theatrical group that worked to inspire patriotism and citizenship through its presentations across the Southern United States; and

WHEREAS, with the direction of Ms. Hochnedel and the extension staff, the Sevier County 4-H program has grown into one of the largest and most prosperous 4-H clubs in the nation, winning grant moneys for environmental and charity work, providing scholarships to attend camps and conferences, representing the county with an over abundance of state project winners, and, most importantly, producing fine young people; and

WHEREAS, her sense of civic responsibility has brought her to people of similar pursuits in organizations such as the Rotary Club and the Optimist Club; and

WHEREAS, Faye Hochnedel's use of creative and innovative programs with Sevier County's young adults have resulted in her 4-Hers attending colleges and winning scholarships to institutions such as the United States Air Force Academy, the University of Tennessee, Purdue University, Rhodes College, and many other schools; and

WHEREAS, through all her tenure in Sevier County, she has been known as a kind and dedicated professional and has been seen as a positive guiding influence on the young people of the area; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate for the members of this body to recognize Faye Hochnedel for her contributions to the welfare of Sevier County and this great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Virginia Faye Hochnedel for her outstanding contributions to 4-H, the Agricultural Extension program, and the Volunteer State as a 4-H / Home Economist Extension Agent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.